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1. Leznice Mine, Horni Slavkov:

a. The pit covers an area of 500 x 200 meters and lies about 1,200 m. east of Horni Slavkov. It is surrounded by a double barbed-wire fence, and there are watch towers at intervals of 170 meters. 2,000 people work in the mine, of whom 80 are women, 300 brigade workers, and 1,500 prisoners. Equipment consists of a large Russian windlass, six large Czech air compressors, and some EMK-25 excavators.

b. About 52 tons of very good uranium ore are mined daily and shipped to Horni Zdar. The Five-Year Plan is fulfilled on an average 140%.

c. The pit is under central administration, located in new buildings and consisting of 50 managerial and office personnel. The installations are guarded by 120 SNB men under the command of Lieut. Radhaus, whose office is located on the Horni Slavkov town square. Two guards constantly patrol the compound and the watch towers are always manned. There is a double guard at the entrance gate.

d. Among the ordinary workers morale has been relatively good. Most are fed in the works kitchen of the Miners' House in Horni Slavkov. The prisoners are housed and fed in an internment camp situated in the compound. Some unsuccessful escape attempts have been made.

2. Pit 16, Horni Slavkov:

a. The pit covers an area of 200 x 200 meters and lies about 800 meters north of Horni Slavkov. It is surrounded by a single barbed-wire fence. About 50 miners work in the pit, of whom seven or eight are women and 35 are brigade

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workers. No prisoners are employed but some were due to start work there. No ore has yet been produced and expected output figures are not known. The Five-Year-Plan is being fulfilled (sic).

c. A central administration is located in new buildings. The guard at the pit is a sentry post manned by one member of the works guard. Watch towers have been built but are not in use.

d. Morale is relatively good and earnings are high. Miners are mostly fed in the works canteen in the Miners' Houses in Loket or Horni Slavkov.

e. About 12 people work in an experimental pit (No. 6 on main map of Horni Slavkov mining area). There was talk, however, that this pit would be closed and would be worked from Pit 16.

3. Pit 18, Horni Slavkov:

a. The pit covers an area of 150 x 100 meters and lies about 1,600 meters NNW of Horni Slavkov. It is surrounded by a double barbed-wire fence. There are about 40 workers of whom about 30 are brigade workers. Prisoners were only used for erecting the fence. This pit was eventually to be mined by prisoners only and a prison camp is to be built. Equipment consists of four large Russian air compressors with diesel motors and a windlass of Russian origin.

b. Work commenced in June 1952 but, up to August 1953, no ore had been produced. No figures of intended production are known.

c. The pit is under the central administration located in the new premises. It is guarded by a single member of the works guard.

d. Among ordinary employees the morale is fairly good, because earnings are quite good. Workers live in Loket or Horni Slavkov and are fed in the works canteen of the Miners' House in these two localities.

4. Pit 14, Horni Slavkov:

a. The pit covers an area of 250 x 250 meters and lies about 1,500 meters north of Horni Slavkov. It is surrounded by a double barbed-wire fence and there are watch towers in the corners of the site. 160 prisoners work in the pit. There are no women. Only the foreman was an ordinary civilian. Equipment consists of a stabilizing compressor with an electric engine, a windlass of Russian origin, 2 excavators, and some pneumatic EMK-25 excavators.

b. The pit produces about 65 tons of good quality uranium ore per day, which is shipped to Horni Zdar. The Five-Year Plan is fulfilled 100%.

c. The pit is under a central administration located in the new buildings. At the pit itself there is only a surface foreman. About 12 members of the SNB were on duty on each shift. The SNB mans the watch towers, moves around among the prisoners, and patrols the whole enclosure, while two of them stand at the gate. All are armed with SMGs and pistols.

d. Prisoners live and are fed in an internment camp at Leznice. Their food is very poor.

5. Pit 5, Horni Slavkov:

a. The pit covers an area of 100 x 50 meters and lies about 2 km. north of Horni Slavkov. It has not been fenced yet. About 35 miners work in the pit, of whom about 5 are women and about 20 are brigade workers. No prisoners are employed. Equipment consists of one large air compressor, of Russian make, driven by a crude oil engine, some drilling machines, and sledge hammers.

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b. The ore is taken to Horni Zdar but output is not known 50X1-HUM

c. The pit is managed by the central administration in the new buildings. The pit is guarded by one works guard per shift.

d. Morale is poor; there is dissatisfaction with wages. Eating arrangements are through the works kitchens in the Miners' House in Loket or in Horni Slavkov.

6. Pit 3, Horni Slavkov:

a. The pit covers an area of 150 x 200 meters and lies about 1,800 meters NNW from the center of Horni Slavkov. It is not fenced. About 130 miners work in the pit, of whom 12 are women, and 80 brigade workers. There are no prisoners. Equipment consists of pneumatic excavators for loading EMK-25s, and some drilling machines.

b. About 25 tons of relatively good-quality ore are mined daily. (The ore is taken to Horni Zdar). The Five-Year Plan was fulfilled 130%.

c. Two members of the works guard were on guard at the mine. The mine is under the central administration.

d. Morale is fairly good. The workers eat in works kitchens in the Miners' House in either Loket or Horni Slavkov, where they also live.

7. Pit 13, Horni Slavkov:

a. The pit covers an area of 200 x 250 meters and lies about 500 meters NE of Horni Slavkov. It is surrounded by a double barbed-wire fence and has watch towers in the corners. About 100 prisoners work in the mine. Equipment consists of a winding motor of Russian origin and 4 air compressors with electric motors of Czech origin.

b. No ore is being mined. The pit serves as an auxiliary pit for operating the Barbora mine.

c. Management of the enterprise: The pit is under the administration of the Barbora mine and the central management.

d. Morale is average. The prisoners are housed and fed in a camp at the Barbora mine.

8. Barbora Mine, Horni Slavkov:

a. 3,300 miners work in this mine, of whom 60 are women, 2,400 prisoners, and 500 brigade workers. The mine is 500 meters SW of Horni Slavkov and is surrounded by a double barbed-wire fence. There are watch towers with searchlights at 150-meter intervals. An internment camp for prisoners lies close to the west side of the mine. The mine and prison camp cover an area of 1,200 x 800 meters.

b. An average of about 85 tons of good-quality uranium ore is mined daily in this mine and is taken to Horni Zdar. The Five-Year Plan is fulfilled on the average of 135%.

c. The mine has 30 managerial and about 50 office workers who are under the central administration. The compound is guarded by about 200 SNB men who are armed with SMGs and pistols and who have rocket guns.

d. Among the ordinary civilian employees there is dissatisfaction with pay and morale is low. The majority of ordinary workers eat and live in Horni Slavkov, but a large proportion commute from Karlovy Vary, Loket, and the surrounding

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area. The prisoners live and eat in a camp by the mine. There is a high death rate among them and their morale is very low.

9. Svatopluk Mine, Horni Slavkov:

a. The mine covers an area of 250 x 200 meters and lies about 1 km. south of Horni Slavkov. It is surrounded by a double barbed-wire fence and has a watch tower in each corner. About 250 miners work here, of whom about 200 are brigade workers and about 30 are women. No prisoners are employed. Equipment consists of a windlass of Russian origin and 4 excavators of Russian origin, of which 3 are pneumatic EMK-25s and one is electric.

b. An average of about 14 tons of ore is mined daily and taken to Horni Zdar. The Five-Year-Plan is fulfilled more than 100%.

c. The mine is under a central administration. One member of the works guard is on constant duty at the gatekeeper's post.

d. Morale is fairly good. The miners are fed in works canteens in the Miners' Houses in Loket or Horni Slavkov and live in the neighborhood.

10. Pit 14, Horni Slavkov:

a. This pit covers an area of 250 x 100 meters and lies about 1,800 meters NNW of the center of the town. It is not fenced. About 90 people work in the pit, of whom 5 or 6 are women and about 60 are brigade workers. No prisoners are employed. Equipment consists of drilling machines and sledge hammers. The pit goes to a depth of 155 meters.

b. The Five-Year-Plan for output is fulfilled about 120% and the ore is taken to Horni Zdar.

c. The pit had foremen who are under the central administration. The pit is guarded by two members of the works guard on each shift.

d. Most of the miners live in Miners' Houses in Loket and Horni Slavkov, where they also eat. The brigade workers are not satisfied with their pay and leave frequently. Morale is very low.

11. Central Administration of the Horni Slavkov Mines:

The construction of buildings to accommodate the central administration of the uranium mines of Horni Slavkov began in 1949 and was completed at the end of 1952. This consists of 11 three-story buildings about 40 meters long and 16 meters wide. The management itself is in one building. In the others are housed the families of members of the SNB, Czech employees, and Russian engineers.

In addition, the Russians have requisitioned a hotel in Horni Slavkov, directly opposite the station. All the Russians eat, and some also live, in this hotel, where they also have their own store.

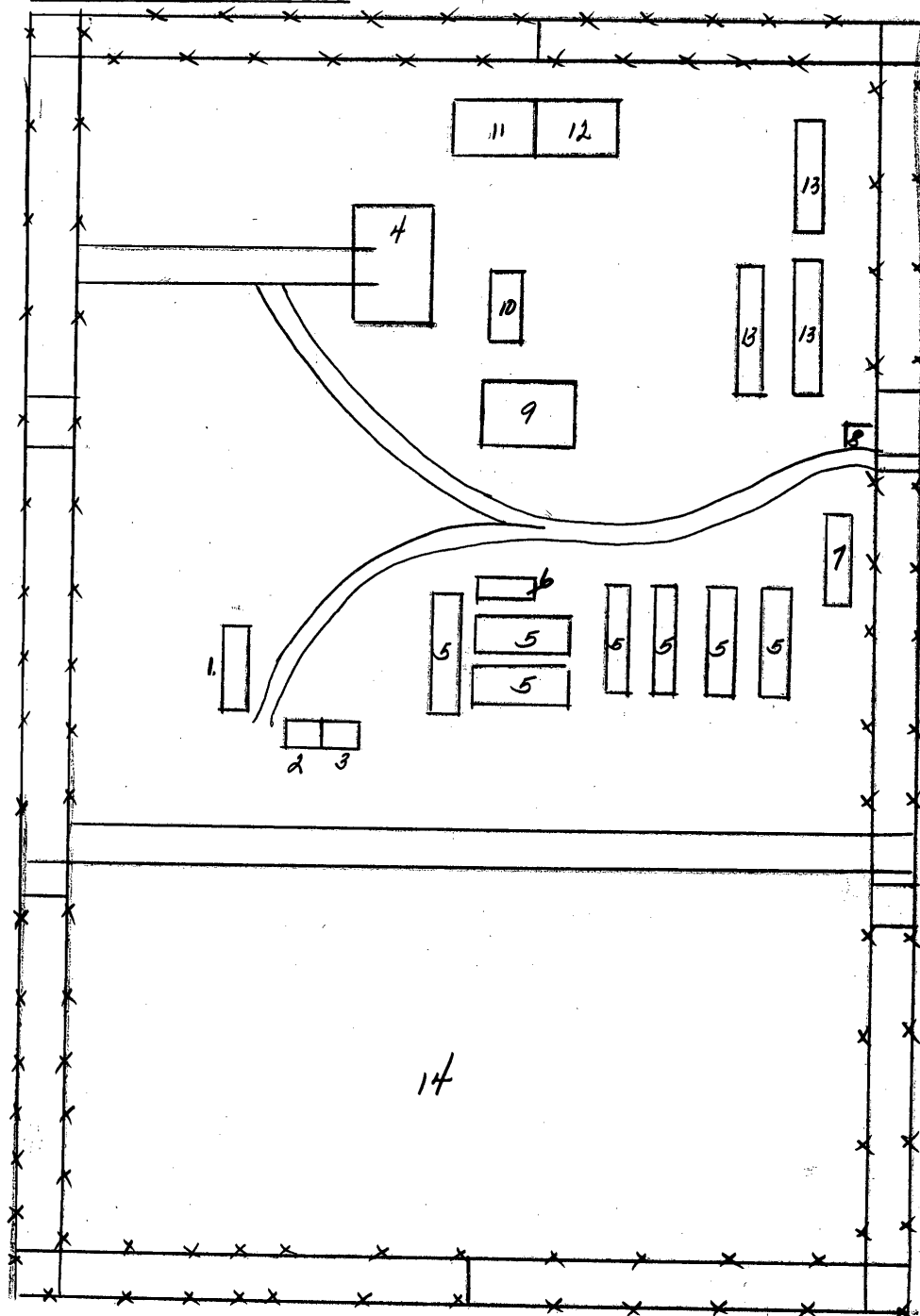
These buildings are intended as the nucleus of a new Horni Slavkov, but it is not known when this project is to be carried out.

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Leznice Mine, Horni Slavkov

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Lamp shop. | 8. Gatekeeper's post. |
| 2. Office. | 9. Sifting room. |
| 3. Changing rooms. | 10. Machine shop. |
| 4. Pithead. | 11. Repair shop. |
| 5. Internment camp (huts). | 12. Compressor room. |
| 6. Internment camp and kitchen. | 13. Offices. |
| 7. Storehouse. | 14. Store for lumber. |

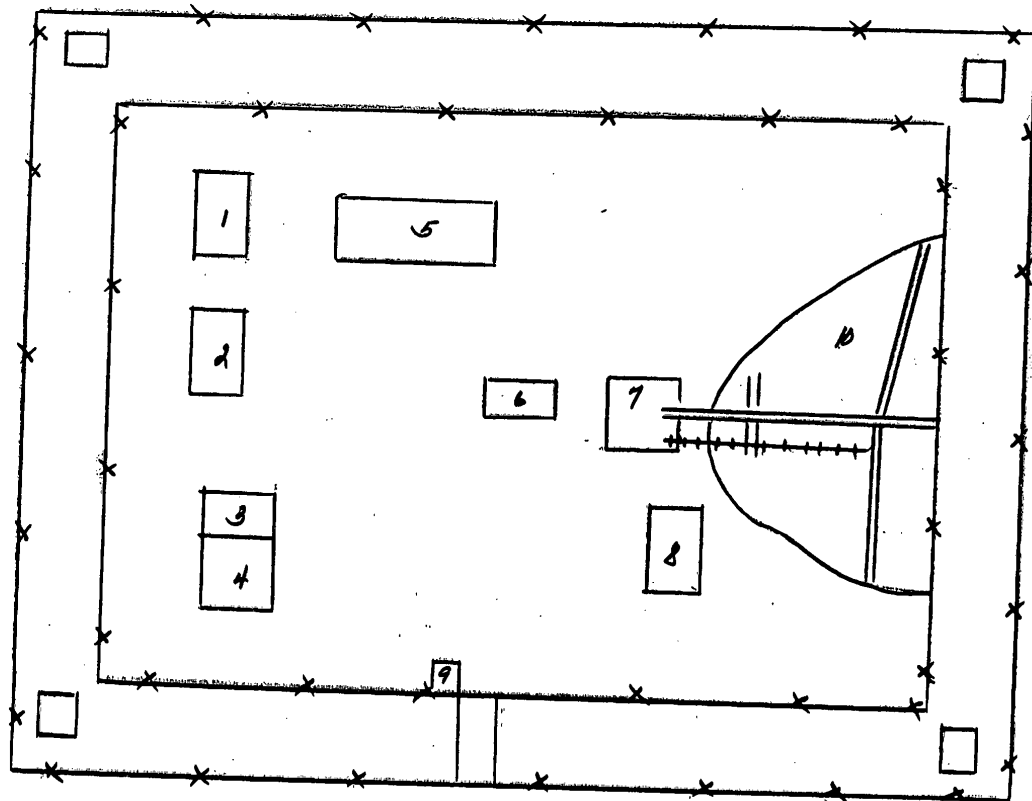
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Pit 13, Horni Slavkov



1. Repair shop.
2. Changing room.
3. Store house.
4. Office.
5. Air compressor.
6. Machine shop.
7. Pithead.
8. Lamp shop.
9. Gatekeeper's post.
10. Slag heap.

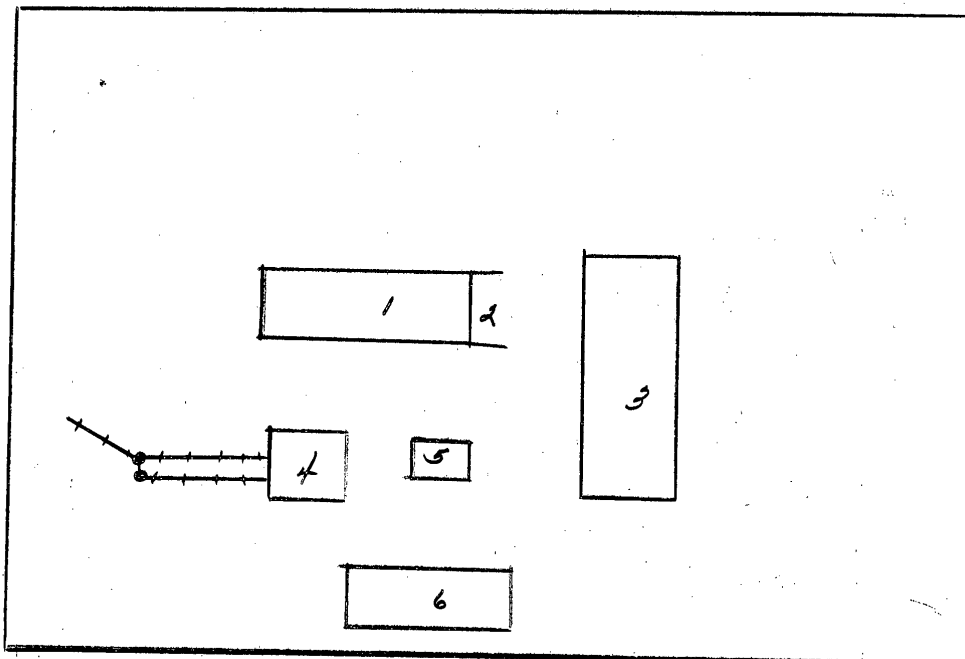
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Pit 18, Horni Slavkov



1. Repair shop.
2. Lamp shop.
3. Compressor.
4. Pithead.
5. Machine shop.
6. Office.

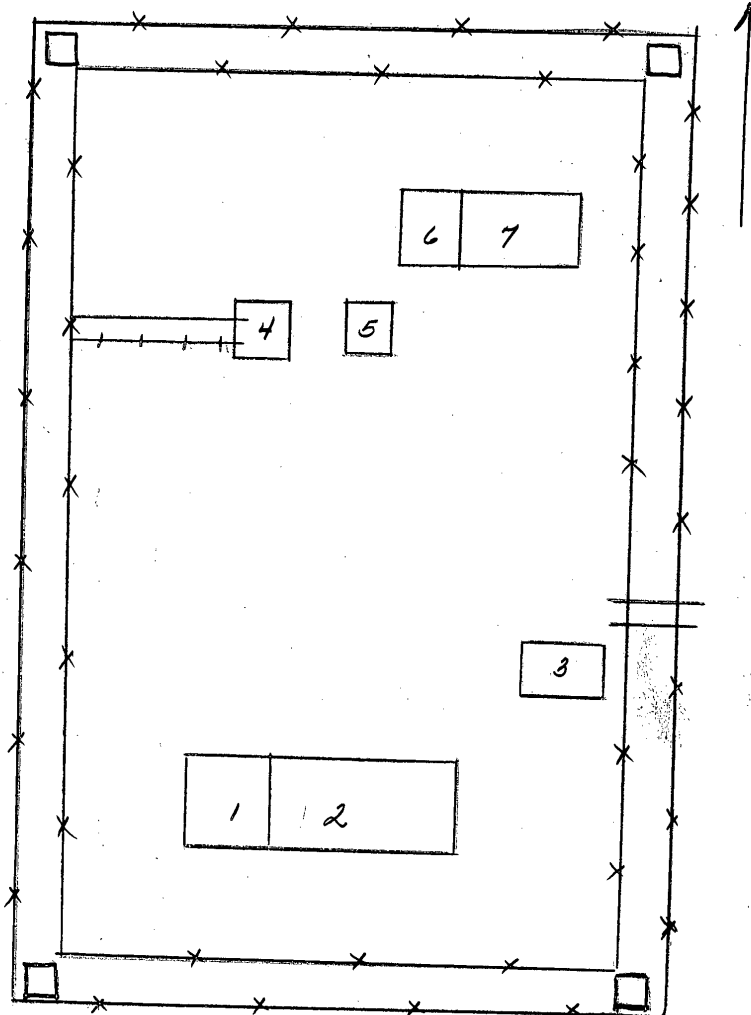
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Pit 16, Horni Slavkov



1. Changing rooms.
2. Office.
3. Porter's office.
4. Pithead.
5. Machine shop.
6. Repair shop.
7. Storehouse.

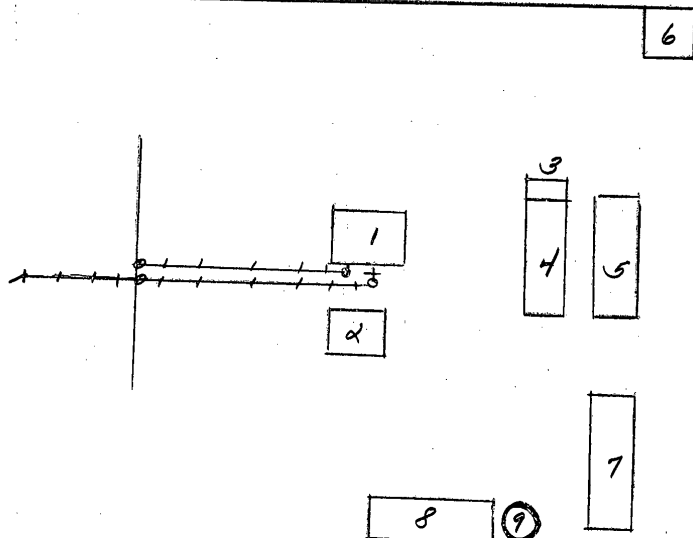
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Pit 14, Horni Slavkov



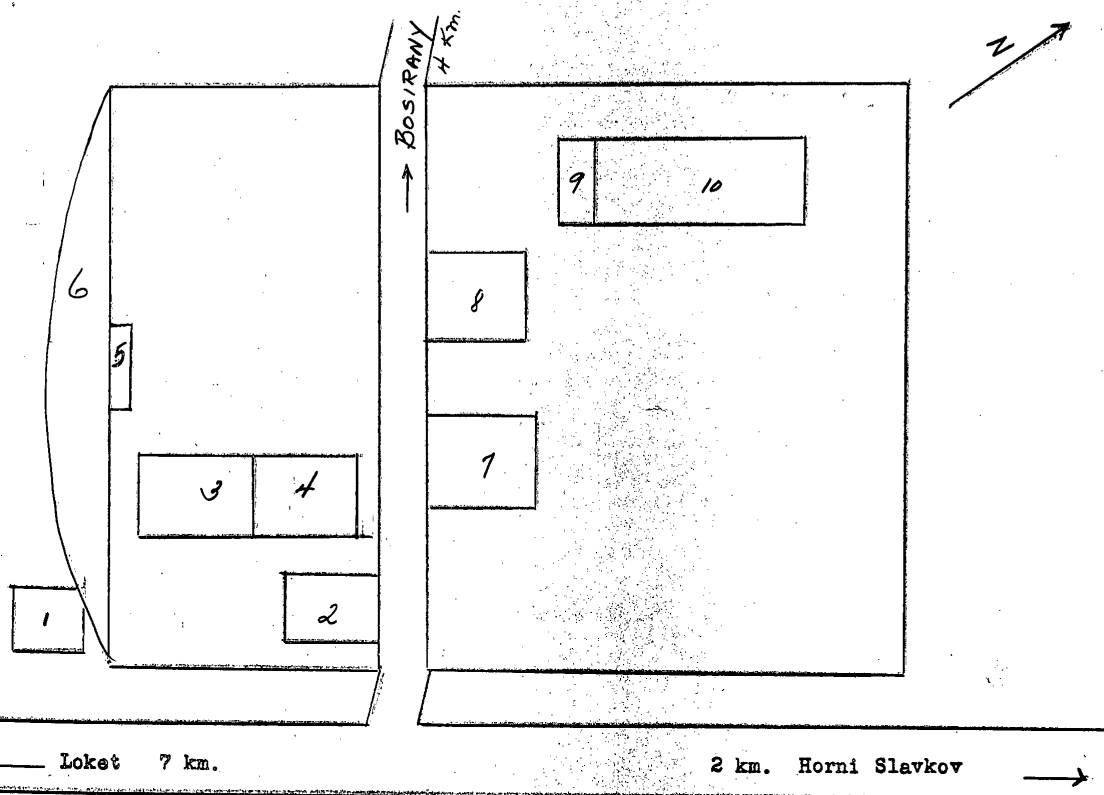
1. Pithead.
2. Machine shop.
3. Lamp shop.
4. Changing rooms.
5. Repair shop.
6. Gatekeeper's post.
7. Office.
8. Compressor.
9. Compressed-air container.

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Pit 3, Horni Slavkov

1. Changing room.
2. Changing room.
3. Storehouse.
4. Repair shop.
5. Pithead.
6. The pit (reaching a depth of 280 meters).
7. Sifting room.
8. Gatekeeper's post.
9. Lamp shop.
10. Office.

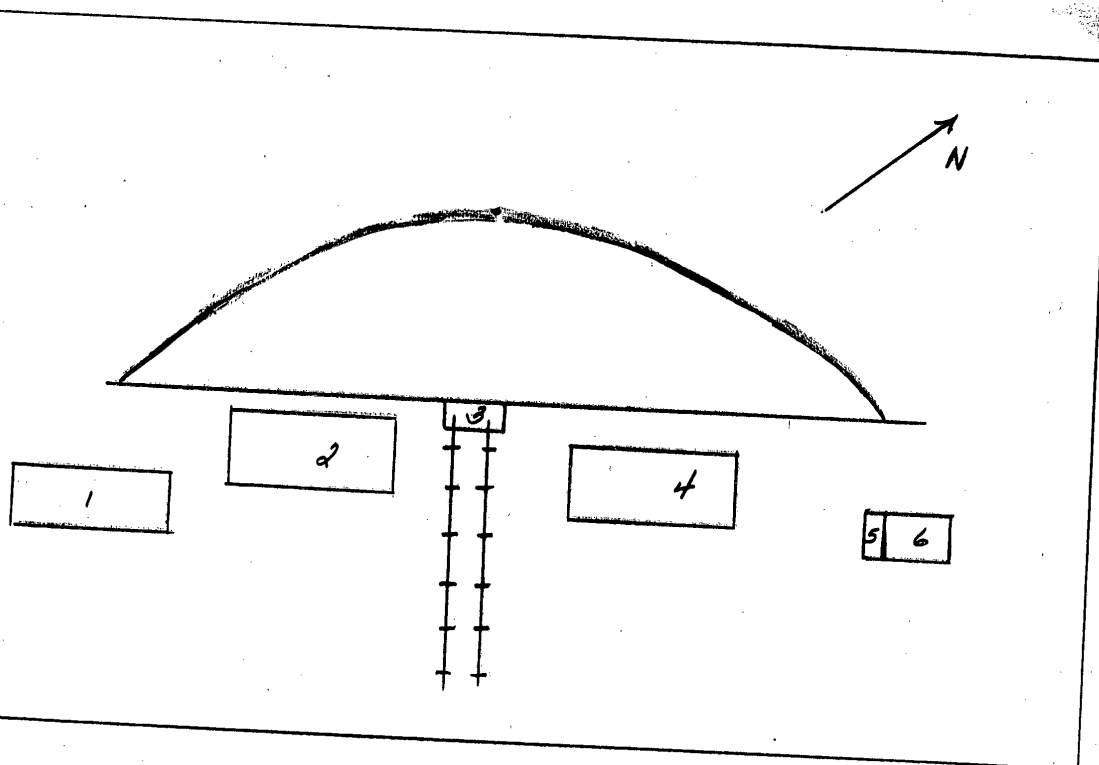
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Pit 5, Horni Slavkov

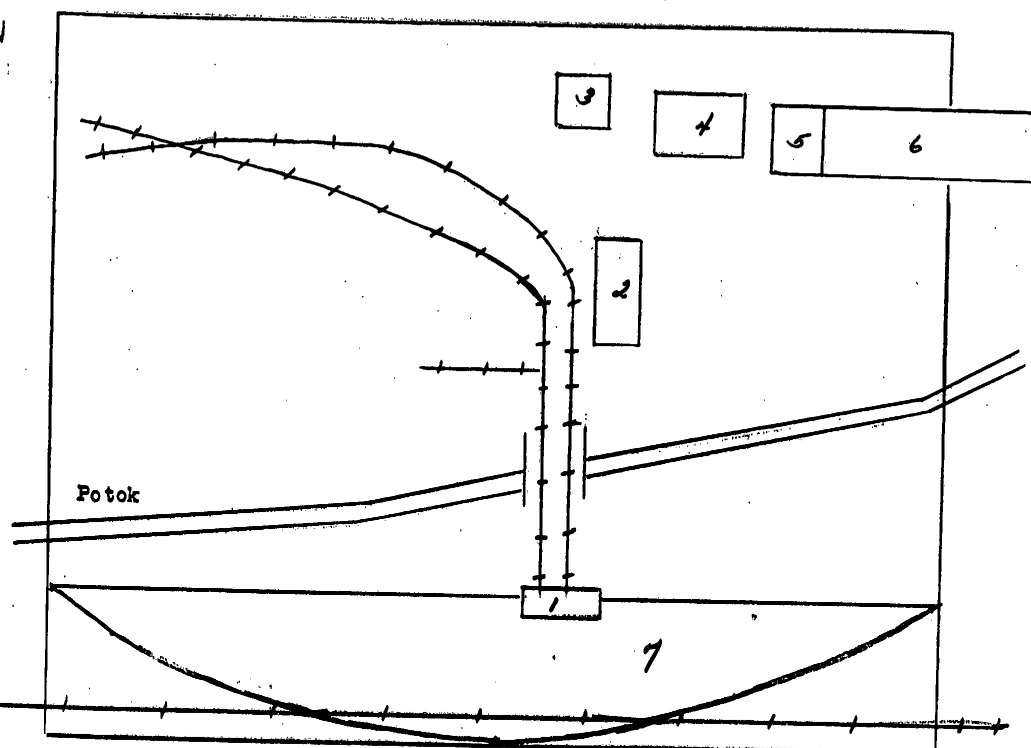


1. Compressor.
2. Repair shop.
3. Pithead.
4. Office.
5. Lamp shop.
6. Changing room.

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Pit 14, Horni Slavkov

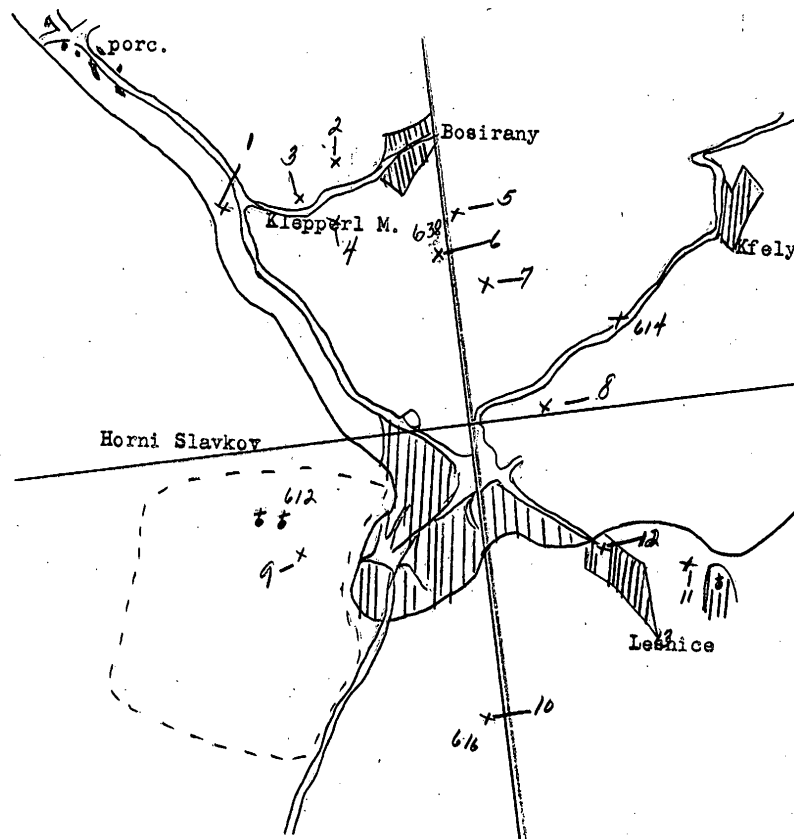
1. Pit. (Depth of 155 meters).
2. Sifting room.
3. Gatekeeper's post.
4. Repair shop.
5. Lamp shop.
6. Changing rooms and offices.

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1. Pit #14. - sunk into the hillside.
2. " 5. - sunk into the hillside.
3. " 3. - sunk into the hillside.
4. " 18. - sunk into the hillside.
5. " 14. - sunk into the hillside.
6. Experimental pit to test the strength of the vein, 25 meters deep.
7. Pit #16.
8. " 13.
9. BARBORA pit.
10. SVATOPLUK pit.
11. LEZNICE pit.
12. New road leading to the foundations of new SLAVKOV.
13. New buildings of new SLAVKOV.

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